



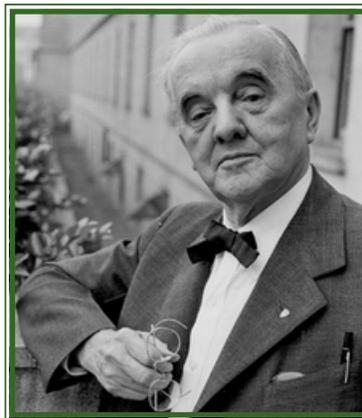
Our story is really a story of the resiliency of rural America. For many years, no matter what the challenge, folks looking in said, "It can't be done." and often. Those stories end in the amazing way in which we did, our ability to use electricity throughout Custer Power's Service District is one of those great stories.

Let's take a quick look at the business model. Average usage for a rural district like ours is only 1000 kwh's per month and 4.5 customers per mile. This makes it easy to realize that we have substantially less customer density than our counter parts in urban areas. And, it takes a lot more miles of line to serve everyone. Nationwide, public power districts and cooperatives serve only 12% of the customers but cover 75% of the US. *We are at a distinct disadvantage because the numbers don't make sense.* That is, until we consider that Nebraska is very

Public Power is Truly Your Power **by Rick Nelson**

unique from other states in that we are wholly public power. There aren't any utilities in the state going after a profit over the needs of the customers.

The Nebraska legislature and more specifically Senator George Norris, realized that the private companies were not



credit: U.S. Senate Historical Office

going to serve rural customers because they could not make a profit. Through state statutes, State leaders then developed the ability for individuals to form public power districts and rural electric cooperatives to serve rural customers.

As a part of that movement, Custer Public Power District was formed back in 1944 to serve rural customers in Central Nebraska. Our service territory includes all or part of 13 counties which is over 8,000 square miles.

Custer Public Power was formed by its customers, the people we serve. This is truly your power district.

Local customers also elect a seven member Board of Directors that governs Custer Public Power District. They represent you the customer, and set policies, plans, and rates that determine your utility's course. That local control and ownership of your power district is one of the reasons public power was formed. It sets Nebraska apart from all other states and allows us to serve even the most remote parts of our region.

So why does public power work? It's the rural people working in the rural areas that makes this story a success story. Sure we don't have 34 customers per mile of line, but we do what's right in rural Nebraska. We don't go after profits, we put money back into the system. We turn the "It can't be done." to celebrations of "It's complete!". This is not only a model that works well for Custer Public Power District, but it works well for the whole state. And it ensures our ability to serve you long term with the reliability we have all grown to expect.

Troubleshooting Irrigation Issues

Check out the Troubleshooting Irrigation Issues with Custer Power on YouTube on the Custer Public Power account.



Check Meter:
If screen is blank...call CPPD.

If you have 1 or 2 blinking light bulbs in lower corner, this indicates partial power... call CPPD.



Blown fuse

- Is pivot in alignment?
- Is there any safety issues?
- Is main disconnect on?
- Does any equipment appear burnt?
- Do displays and voltage meter in pivot panel appear normal?

Call Custer Power with...

- Meter Number or Account Number
- Driving Instructions
- Phone Number

Green light pivot is operational.

Red & Green light pivot is under control.

No lights...*pivot has no or partial power.* Check: Fuses, equipment, underground conductors, and overload relay.

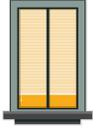
Next try hand position or bypass mode. If pivot is operational, problem probably is with customers equipment. You may need an irrigation technician or an electrician.



Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!

NO-COST TIPS



Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.

LOW-COST TIPS



Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

Summer Energy Efficiency: Myth vs. Fact

Myth #1: When I'm not home, keeping my air conditioner at a lower temperature throughout the day means it doesn't have to run harder to cool my home when I return.

FACT: To save energy, set your thermostat to a higher temperature during the day, and lower it when you return home.

Myth #2: Closing vents on my central air conditioning system will boost efficiency.

FACT: Closing vents can cause the compressor to cycle too frequently and the heat pump to overload. You'll also use more energy.

Myth #3: Time of day doesn't matter when it comes to running my appliances.

FACT: Time of day does matter when running electrical loads. For example, take advantage of the delay setting and run your dishwasher at night to avoid peak times of use and save energy.

Myth #4: Bigger is always better when it comes to cooling equipment.

FACT: Too often, cooling equipment isn't sized properly and leads to higher electric bills. A unit that's too large for your home will not cool evenly and might produce higher humidity indoors.

Remember to look up and look out. With today's taller equipment, there is a greater chance than ever of coming in contact with overhead lines. Overhead power lines carry extremely high levels of current and have no protective insulation. Any objects that provide a conductive path from the line to the earth can carry a lethal flow of electricity. Avoid guy wires. Running into these weakens the support for power lines.



Grilled Mango Salsa

Recipe courtesy of Max Holtzman
Show: BBQ with Bobby Flay
Food Network



Ingredients

- 2 large Florida mangoes, starting to ripen, but still a bit firm
- 1 large firm red onion, sliced into 1/4- to 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 5 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 small bunch cilantro, leaves finely chopped
- 1 bunch chives, finely chopped
- 1/2 red pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 Florida orange, juiced
- 1 red pepper
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar

Happy Father's Day



Directions

Preheat a grill to medium-high.

Lightly coat the mango slices and onion discs in olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place mango slices on a medium high grill approximately 2 minutes on each side. Grill onions approximately 2 to 4 minutes on each side, being careful to turn only once (this will help keep them together and avoid pieces falling through the grill). When mangos have nice grill marks after a couple minutes on each side, remove from grill. Once onions have slightly charred, but still retain moderate firmness, remove from grill.

Chop the mango and onion and place in large mixing bowl. Combine all of the above ingredients including juice of lime and orange and add salt and pepper to taste. In the mixing process a large amount of juice will gather at the bottom of the bowl. I recommend draining the juice, and placing the salsa in a refrigerator, covered for approximately 20 minutes. Then, use the salsa on top of grilled fish or serve as a side dish.

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Board Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Custer Public Power District Board of Directors is on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the main office in Broken Bow on Hwy. 2.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours.

In the event of matters of an emergency nature or conflicts with other meeting dates, the Board of Directors will set changes. Any change in the monthly meeting date will be posted in the legal notice at the main headquarters building at Broken Bow and at each of the District's area service centers located in Callaway, Sargent, Stapleton and Thedford, Nebraska.

